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PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ryuichi OHMURA

Application No.: 09/981,995

Filed: October 19, 2001

For: REEL SEAT FOR FISHING ROD AND FISHING ROD
INCORPORATING THE REEL SEAT

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the August 15, 2002, Final Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A reel seat for a fishing rod that includes a fishing rod body and that defines a downward and backward direction comprising:
- an oblong pipe-shaped body through which the fishing rod body passes, the oblong pipe-shaped body defining a circumferential surface with a top portion and a lower portion;
- a reel foot;

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